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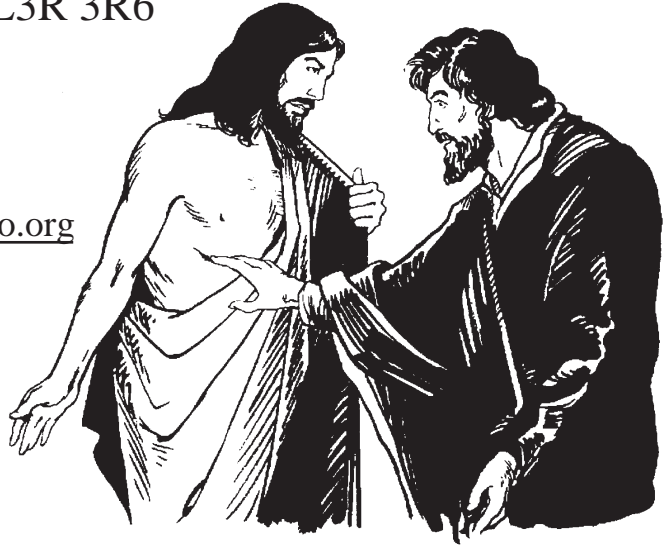
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Pastor - Fr. Allyn Rose (ext. 222)

Associate Pastor - Father Patrick Gnanapragasam (ext 224)

Deacon - Everis Munroe (ext. 223)

Deacon - Sarfaraz Pinto (ext. 226)

Youth Minister - Hill Roshan Arulnesam (ext 225)

Secretary - Jackie Mackenzie (ext. 221)

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00, 10:00 and 12:00 noon

Ask ushers for listening - aid devices

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday through Friday 12:10 and 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. (at Convent)

Thurs. evening Mass is in Latin - *forma ordinaria*

ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

By appointment only.

Father Allyn Rose: 416-799-0407

Father Patrick Gnanapragasam: 647-877-1774

DEVOTIONS TO

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Wednesdays before & after evening Mass.

BAPTISMS

Will be the Second and Fourth Saturdays
of each month at 9:30 a.m.

An information package should be picked up
at the Parish Office before meeting with the deacon.

MARRIAGES

An information package should be picked up at the Parish
Office before meeting with the priest.
One year advanced planning is required.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Families should notify the Parish Office
in the event of serious illness.

"Dominus meus et Deus meus"

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| Knights of Columbus | Philip Lee | 905-475-6776 |
| Youth Group | Hill Arulnesam | 647-281-0062 |

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Organists

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| Christopher Ku/Kevin Ku | 416-298-2541 |
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DAY CARE

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| St. Mary of Leuca | 90-475-2536 |
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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY AUGUST 1, 2021

Monday 9:00 a.m.
+Tony Mascarenhas
(Family)

Monday 7:00 p.m.
NO EVENING MASS

Tuesday 12:10 p.m.
In thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Father Allyn Rose
(Jefferson Tse)

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
+Luigina Florio
(Knights of Columbus 10182)

Wednesday 12:10 p.m.
+Leonardo Del Medico
(Melina Del Medico and family)

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Rex and Margaret Tse
on their 41st Anniversary
(Jefferson Tse)

Thursday 12:10 p.m.
+Ofelia Papa
(Family)

Thursday 7:00 p.m.
+Ayesha Navarro
(Mukerji Family)

Friday 12:10 p.m.
+Jim Stone
(Rose Family)

Friday: 7:00 p.m.

Vocations to the Priesthood
Saturday 9:00 a.m.
Living and deceased members of the
McKenna Family

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
+Cardinal L. T. Picachy
(Suna)

Sunday 8:00 a.m.
For the People of the Parish

Sunday 10:00 a.m.
+Bonnie Ho
(Family)

Sunday 12:00 p.m.
+Mary Kamala Nicholas and Family
+Rosaline Thirchelvam and Family
(Family)

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Eric Maddan, Giuseppina Sala, Fitzroy James, Joyce D'Souza, Lilia Tiongson, Edilberto Claveria, Margaret Carter, Elizabeth Wong, Domenic D'Souza, Samantha Fernandes, Jerry Wang, Agnes Yuen, Jack Wilson, Phillip Kong, Marien Pereira, Sam Di Blasi, Teresa Cheung, Jessica Kong, Gloria Pereira, Angel Sevilla and for all those who are sick with the Covid – 19 Virus.

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: For all who have died from the Covid – 19 Virus and for those who have no one to pray for them.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

6:00 – to 7:00 p.m. before the 7:00 p.m. Mass

This Friday is the First Friday of August

HOLIDAY MONDAY THERE WILL BE ONE MASS
AT 9:00 A.M.

LIVESTREAMING MASSES ON FACEBOOK
**DAILY 12:10 MASS, SATURDAY MORNING 9:00 A.M.
AND SUNDAY 10:00 MASS**

ANNUAL MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
Due to the protocols surrounding COVID-19, THIS YEAR'S Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed has unfortunately been Cancelled at our seven Catholic cemeteries.

His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, will celebrate and livestream a special Mass in honour of our faithful departed on Wednesday August 18 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Michaels Cathedral Basilica. The Mass can be viewed here: www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live.

PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses)

We received \$7,641.00 - July 25, 2021

(Includes Pag, Donate Now, etc.)

ALL PARISHIONERS SHOULD BE REGISTERED and are asked to support the parish and the needs of the Church by using Sunday Offertory Envelopes and making up for any absence during vacation. New parishioners are asked to register in the parish office. 2021 Envelopes can be found in the small hall in alphabetical order. Also, on the website you can arrange to use PAG

Gospel Reading - John 6:24-35

Jesus teaches the crowds that He is the “Bread of Life.”

This Sunday we continue to read from the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel, but not continuously. Our Lectionary omits John’s report of Jesus’ walking on water. This event is reported much less dramatically in John’s Gospel than in the Synoptic Gospels. After the feeding of the multitudes, the disciples leave in a boat and Jesus follows them. The disciples are said to be terrified by what they see. Jesus reassures them and rejoins them. In today’s Gospel, we learn that the crowd has noticed the departure of Jesus and His disciples and so seeks them out in Capernaum. In the dialogue that follows between Jesus and the crowds, Jesus unfolds for us the gift of Himself that He gives in the Eucharist.

In today’s Gospel, there are four exchanges between Jesus and the crowd. In the first, the crowd, having followed Jesus to Capernaum, asks a very matter of fact question: “Rabbi, when did you get here?” Jesus replies by naming their motivation in pursuing Him. They have been fed. Jesus acknowledges this, yet challenges them to see beyond the fulfillment of their material needs. The crowds have followed Jesus because they have been fed. They ought to be seeking out Jesus because He can give them eternal life.

As the second dialogue begins, it seems that the crowd might be on their way to accepting Jesus and His mission. They ask: “What can we do to accomplish the works of God?” Jesus replies that they must have faith in the one sent from God. But in the third dialogue, the crowd reveals their inability to see Jesus’ true identity. They ask Jesus for a sign so that they might know that Jesus is from God. How strange this sounds since Jesus has just fed more than 5000 people. What more is expected?

But the crowd cannot see beyond the surface of the sign. They show this in their interpretation of the sign that came from Moses. In their description, they identify Jesus with Moses, as if to say, as Moses gave the people manna in the desert, give us a sign so that we will now that you are from God. They are looking to identify a prophet without realizing that God is standing before them. Jesus corrects their misinterpretation, saying that the manna received by their ancestors came from God. As God fulfilled their ancestors’ needs in the desert, so God has provided them with food for eternal life. In the bread that they have received from Jesus, they have received physical nourishment and also spiritual nourishment. Jesus wants the crowd to see beyond the surface to the One who provides true-nourishment.

The conclusion of the dialogue reveals the crowd’s blindness. They ask for what Jesus has just told them they have found: “Sir, give us this bread always,” Jesus answers plainly that He Himself is the Bread of Life they seek. Jesus Himself is the Bread of Life who will satisfy every hunger and thirst. This is the first of several such statements found in John’s Gospel. We understand these better when we remember that God revealed His name to the people of Israel as “I AM,” as Yahweh. Jesus is now claiming this name for Himself. In the weeks ahead, we will see the offense that this gives to the people.

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